

Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....FEB. 8.

Agents for the Free Press. The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities: A. Hester, Ed., County at large; D. L. Hester, Sr., Springtown; B. Martindale, Martindale; Maj. S. W. Moore, Mountain City; J. L. Summers, Cedar Valley; J. D. Cady, Golden Creek.

HOME NEWS.

Subscribe for the FREE PRESS.

See advertisement of Mr. Noble of the head of the river property for sale.

WANTED.—I want to buy a few good saddle ponies.

Early Rose, Early Goodrich and Jackson White seed potatoes, at BISCO's.

A Sure Cure for Tape Worms, At J. Remer's Drug Store. No changes if head don't pass.

We continue to hear "golden opinions from all sorts of people" of our barber, Mr. Curtis.

The dreariness of the weather is only equalled by the dullness of the times.

There was a contest over the office of district and county clerk in Uvalde county.

We hear of a good deal of sickness, mostly colds, resulting from the protracted damp, chilly weather.

VICTIMS of wasted energies are restored to youthful vigor by Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

NINTH annual reception of the Knights of Mount at Galveston on the 25th inst. We acknowledge a complimentary.

"Life and Labors of Bishop Marvin," by Dr. McAnally, for sale at this office, price \$1.50.

FOR SALE.—We have a medium sized heating stove, bought new only a few weeks since, which we found rather small for our purpose and hence would sell at a reduced rate. Call at this office.

We are told the contest for the Sheriffalty of this county it is expected will be heard by Judge Moore of the District Court at the next term, to be held in March, or in vacation just before or after.

Just Arrived! 10 Cases Bacon, 4 Crates Hams, 4 Hhd Lard, Sugar, 21 Sacks Choice Coffee, and a large lot of Staple and Fancy Groceries, at G. W. DONALSON'S.

THE weather since our last has remained cloudy and chilly with but little rain. As we write old Winter appears to have entered upon a new lease of life.

SOME of the most popular writers of the day contribute to the old "Western Farmer's Almanac," published by John P. Morton & Co., Louisville, Ky. Aside from the Almanac department, it is readable as a magazine of literature, fun, etc. Send ten cents and get a copy.

GID & TOM JOHNSON, under the firm name and style of Johnson & Johnson, have just opened in Major Barbee's building a complete and well selected stock of dry goods and groceries, on which they are prepared to offer inducements to purchasers. They respectfully invite their old friends and customers and the public to give them a call at their new stand.

New Plows, Hall's Champion! We offer the above plow to the trade at a reasonable price, and guarantee the plow to do as good if not better work than any plow now in this market. If said plow does not give entire satisfaction, we will take it back and refund the money cheerfully. Give it a trial before buying any other plow. D. R. COCHRAN & CO.

Ed. Lyell has closed his auction business for some months. Dr. Crews and wife have left San Marcos for the present. Mrs. Samuel Patterson offers her personal property for sale to-day. We regret very much to learn of the serious illness of Mr. Hutchings. Mrs. Poage writes Mrs. Major Barbee that her husband's state of health is still hopeful. Perdinales Lineweber has built himself a new house near Parson Killough's. Considering the length of his name he is doing well to make so much progress. Mr. Irion, a young gentleman from Tennessee, is stopping at Mr. Haynes'. He desires to go into business here, and furnishes high testimonials as to character and qualifications. G. W. Smalley, a distinguished correspondent of the New York Tribune, called on us on yesterday. He expressed himself as well pleased with our town and surroundings. Notwithstanding he has been so shy about it, we learn incidentally that our neighbor, Dr. Daniel, was presented last week by his "better half" with a "bouncing boy." We congratulate him.

Mr. POWERS writes us as follows from Winona, Minn. We presume his proposed weather report would interest our readers.

"I am keeping a record of the weather (at 5 A. M.) and if you desire it will at the close of the month, send it you for publication. It may be of interest to some of your numerous readers to know what the mercury indicates sixteen or eighteen thousand miles due North. I should be glad to have some friend return the compliment by giving the record from your locality for the ensuing month—January also if they have it. I will have both statements published here and 4" above this.

I am not so unreasonable as to expect you people to give a record at 5 P. M., but I would like it for the cooler portion of the day."

P. S. Since the above was put in type we have received the following weather report for January from Mr. Powers:

Jan 2, coldest.....20° below 0
" 25, warmest.....38° above
" 31, average.....15° above

Magazines of the Month

SCRIBNER'S for February is made the "Midwinter" number. It opens with a portrait of Ralph Waldo Emerson, and contains an article on his Homes and Haunts together with some twenty-eight others of great interest, many of them, profusely illustrated. ST. NICHOLAS, from the same publishing house, is as ever inimitable.

THE ATLANTIC contains the following among other articles: The Career of a Capitalist; A Roman Holiday, The Recent Great French Duel, by Mark Twain; Limited Sovereignty in the United States; Reminiscences of Bayard Taylor, by R. H. Stoddard, and a great deal other matter of interest.

APPLETON'S has the following: Romance of a Painter, from the French; "A Man May not Marry his Grandmother;" English Literature; Historical Aspect of the United States, by Dean Stanley, and some half-dozen other extremely attractive and readable articles.

POPULAR SCIENCE, Appleton's publishers, is full of interest. The following are among the subjects discussed: The Formation of Mountains; Planetary Rings and New Stars; The Old Phenology and the New; Black-gammon Among the Aztecs; Mites, Ticks, and other Acari; Typhoid Fever Poison, etc.

PHRENOLOGICAL JOURNAL is an excellent issue of this popular monthly. It contains portraits and sketches of Senator Jones of Nevada, Bayard Taylor and the Marquis de Lorne and Princess Louise. To the publishers, S. R. Wells & Co., we are also indebted for a copy of the "Illustrated Annual of Phrenology," full of good things, price ten cents.

BALLOU'S opens with an illustrated article on the Fiji Islands and People, and contains about twenty-five others of an attractive character.

ROBINSON'S EPITOME OF LITERATURE is a work indispensable to any one who would keep well posted in literary matters. We will order any of the above at Publishers' prices, or club them with the FREE PRESS at reduced rates.

MARRIAGE LICENSES issued in January: Riley Hamilton to Kate Glover, G. D. Hargis to Leocadia M. Bagley.

THE SQUIN MURDER.—At our last advice the jury of inquest was still in session. No arrests had been made, but counsel employed by a suspected party. Great excitement. Trouble apprehended in case of attempted arrest. A singular state of affairs as reported to the newspapers and otherwise.

GOOD READING.—We have for sale late and back numbers of Appleton's, Lippincott's, the Eclectic, Ballou's, Phrenological Journal and other magazines; all of permanent as well as present interest. Also of Popular Science Monthly, a work of the highest interest to thinking people. Also many first-class newspapers from various parts of the country. Call and examine.

THE story of a man in Indiana, given in our last issue, being killed by a meteor, is having quite a run throughout the country and causing some sensation. There is no truth in the story whatever. It first appeared in the Indianapolis Journal, but that paper has since explained how it was victimized, and expressed regret therefor. But the story nevertheless is on its travels, and will make the grand round before it stops.

A New Literary Magazine. The Dollar Magazine of current foreign literature is announced by the American Book Exchange, 55 Beakman street, New York, the first number of which appeared January 15th. It is similar in character to the well known Little's Living Age and Eclectic Magazine, containing, in a year's numbers, about one-third as much matter as the former and four-fifths as much as the latter. Monthly, 128 pages, \$1.00 a year. Specimen number sent for six cents postage.

From Llano.

LLANO, Jan. 25th, 1879.

ED. FREE PRESS.—As I have promised several persons to report my opinion of the Perdinales silver mines, to save time and writing I will give it through your paper. I had quite a pleasant trip, and found Mr. Liggy, one of the lessees of the mines, a very clever accommodating gentleman who gave me all the information he had on the subject, which was altogether traditional, but he seemed to have great faith that he would finally succeed in striking a rich Bonanza. He gave me the tradition but it is unnecessary to relate it. In my opinion there is just as much silver in the rocky bluffs of Purgatory as there is where this mine is located. The formation is limestone and concrete; there is a streak of red clay under the bluff where it is said the silver lies. They have done but little work yet, but are preparing to go at it in earnest. I hope they may succeed in finding it. I found this morning what I believed to be rich silver ore. I will have it tested, and if as good as I think it is, will report, as I have no desire to create false impressions, as too much of that has already been done.

Yours truly, J. W. DAVIS.

Kansas.

The large immigration into Kansas last year has had a most wholesome effect. Gov. St. John intimates the increase of population at 100,000 per annum, and says that during the last two years Kansas "has enjoyed a degree of prosperity without a parallel during the same period in any of the States of the Union." The receipts into the State treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1878, were \$1,584,391, including a balance on hand of \$378,215; and the expenditures were \$1,272,910—leaving a balance in the treasury of \$311,980. The bonded debt is only \$1,181,975. The number of prisoners in the penitentiary is 500. The earnings of the institution in the next two years are estimated at \$127,400, and the expenses at \$203,365—an excess of expenses over earnings of \$75,965. The Governor recognizes the justice of the complaints made against bringing convict labor in competition with honest labor, and recommends the appointment of a committee to take the whole subject into consideration and devise, if possible, some system of convict treatment that will avoid this competition. The Governor speaks strongly on the subject of intemperance, and recommends that the general law respecting the grant of licenses be extended to cities and towns of the first and second class—in other words, that no license be granted except on petition of a majority of the adult residents, male and female, of the township.—[St. Louis Republican.]

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.—The following persons have paid the amount set opposite their names on subscription to the FREE PRESS during the month of January: J. M. Killough.....\$ 75
C. H. Hau..... 50
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Our Clubbing List for 1879. We are prepared to club the FREE PRESS to new or renewing subscribers with the following publications at the rates specified below, if ordered at the same time with our paper. In the first column we give the regular price of each publication singly, in the second the price of the same and the FREE PRESS together:

Publication	Single	With the Free Press
Little's Living Age	\$2.00	\$3.00
N. Y. Weekly Tribune	2.00	3.00
New York Republican	2.00	3.00
H. Y. Ledger	2.00	3.00
The Graphic (weekly)	2.00	3.00
Louisville Courier Journal	2.00	3.00
Detroit Free Press	2.00	3.00
Burlington Hawkeye	2.00	3.00
Saturday Evening Post	2.00	3.00
New York Observer	2.00	3.00
Franklin Farmer	2.00	3.00
Colman's Rural World	2.00	3.00
Journal of Agriculture	2.00	3.00
American Agriculturist	1.50	2.50
Scientific American	2.00	3.00
Farmer's Monthly	2.00	3.00
St. Nicholas	2.00	3.00
Atlantic Monthly	4.00	5.00
Lippincott's Magazine	4.00	5.00
Voltaire Magazine	2.00	3.00
Phrenological Journal	2.00	3.00
Peterson's Magazine	2.00	3.00
Appleton's Journal	2.00	3.00
Popular Science Monthly	2.00	3.00
International Review	4.00	5.00
Magazine of American History	4.50	5.50
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper	4.00	5.00
" " Ladies' Journal	4.00	5.00
" " Chimey-Cornet	4.00	5.00
" " other publications at proportionate rates		
Harpur's Monthly	4.00	5.00
" Weekly	4.00	5.00
" Banner	4.00	5.00
Godey's Lady's Book	3.00	4.00
Demorest's Monthly	3.00	4.00
The Nursery	1.50	2.50
Peterson's Bank Note Detector	2.00	3.00
" Monthly	1.50	2.50
Home-Journal, New Orleans	2.00	3.00
American Union	2.00	3.00
Allen's Magazine	1.50	2.50
Ditson's Musical Record	2.00	3.00

CONSUMPTION CURED. An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure for consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe, with full directions for preparing and using, in German, French, or English. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 149 Powers' Block, Rochester, New York.

A CARD. To all who are suffering from the errors and indiscretions of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c., I will send a receipt that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send a self-addressed envelope to the Rev. J. W. SHERRAR, Station D, Bible House, New York City. [Jan 15]

QUERY: "Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marburg Bros. 'Seal of North Carolina' at the same price?" Feb. 2-ly

DR. C. W. BENSON'S CURELY AND CAMOILLE PILLS are prepared expressly to cure Sick Headache, Nervous Headache, Dyspeptic Headache, Neuralgia, Nervousness and Sleeplessness, and will cure any case. Price 50 cts a box, 30 pills, postage free. Sold by all druggists. Office, No. 100, N. Eutaw street, Baltimore, Md. April 27-ly

CLIFFORD'S FEBRUFEVER.—Unfailing, infallible cure for all diseases originating in biliary derangements, caused by the malarial or miasmatic countries. No preparation known possesses an eradicated power over this class of disease at all comparable to Clifford's Febrifuge. It is the ne plus ultra of Ague remedies. Sore and safe in its action, its great power in neutralizing malarious influences is only equalled by its harmless action on the body. No disagreeable after effects from this remedy. J. C. RICHARDSON, Prop'r. For sale by all druggists. St. Louis.

Disinfection. The firm of Denison & Johnson, by mutual consent in this day dissolved. Notice is hereby given to sign the first name to liquidation. Those indebted to us are earnestly requested to come forward and settle. DENISON & JOHNSON. Feb. 2-ly

BURDEN CASE. MISS COLEMAN & BURMAN, DRESSMAKERS. Nearly opposite J. V. Hutchins' residence, College St., in building formerly occupied by Dr. Denton & Postoffice. MITCHELL & GLOVER, BANKERS, San Marcos, Texas. No. Collection promptly attended to. (Jan 15-ly)

G. T. BROWN, F. J. MARLOWE, BROWN & MARLOWE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, SAN MARCOS, BATH CO., TEXAS.

W. O. HUTCHISON, THOS. H. FRANKLIN, HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, San Marcos, Tex. Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. (Jan 15-ly)

S. B. McBRIDE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, San Marcos, Mayo County, Texas. Will give prompt attention to all legal business offered him, and especially to the collection of claims. (Jan 15-ly)

WOODS & BLAKEMORE, PRACTICING PHYSICIANS, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Denton. (Jan 15-ly)

J. C. ROGERS, CARPENTER AND BUILDER, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Is prepared to make specifications and contracts for building, &c., at reasonable prices, and has confidence of being able to give satisfaction. Refers respectfully to all for whom he has before done work. Oct. 5-6m

TRAVIS HOUSE! S. W. COR. PLAZA, OPPOSITE BALES STABLE. W. Z. DRISKILL, - Proprietor, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction to home patrons and the traveling public. (Jan 15-ly)

STERLING FISHER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, General Land and Collecting Agent, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. Office in Court house. Will buy and will hold examine titles, render assessments, pay taxes, &c. Jan 25-ly

OTTO GRAMM, DRUGGIST. (Successor to A. S. Denton & Company.) TRAVIS CORNER. DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMERIES, Sponges, Trusses and Surgical Instruments, Oils, Varnish and Window Glass. Best Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes. SP-Preparations carefully prepared, day and night. San Marcos, June 26. 73

J. H. COMBS, DENTAL SURGEON. MECHANICAL and Operative Dentistry in its various branches at reasonable rates. All work done in the neatest style. Diseased gums and bad breath promptly relieved. Feb. 1-17

CHAS. BOOK, DEALER IN—FAMILY GROCERIES. Has opened at his old stand in San Marcos, where he will keep a full stock of goods in his line, and sell as cheap as the cheapest. Brandy, Wines, Whisky and Beer always on hand and sold on physicians' prescriptions only. Sept. 25-ly

I. H. JULIAN, BOOKSELLER AND Newspaper and Periodical Agent, SAN MARCOS, TEX. Will take subscriptions for all the leading newspapers and Magazines, South or North, at publishers' prices, free of charge, or club them with the FREE PRESS at reduced rates. Any book also furnished. Terms Cash in advance. Jan

HOFHEINZ HOTEL! DAN. HOFHEINZ, Proprietor, S. E. CORNER PLAZA, SAN MARCOS, TEXAS. This new and splendid House—the best in West Texas outside of our larger cities—is now open for the accommodation of the traveling public. The sleeping rooms are delightfully cool and airy, and all the departments bright and comfortable. The table will be first-class for this country. HOFHEINZ, in the same building, has a fine stock of MILLINERY GOODS. Of the best quality and most fashionable styles. HOFHEINZ TRUNKS and all other goods in that department done in the best style. Prices low. The ladies are invited to call and see the alterations. Sept. 6-ly